(*f*) whether the Government have sanctioned any amount in 1114 or 1115 for the purchase of articles of furniture for this Court; if so, what amount?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) 12 chairs and 2 benches.

(*b*) These were supplied in the years 1105, 1107, 1109 and 1112. Some of the chairs are reported to be in a bad condition.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No specific provision has been made for this Court. An allotment of Rs. 100 was sanctioned under "Furniture" for the whole department for each of the years 1114 and 1115."

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know how many chairs are reported to be in a bad condition?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: There is no mention of the specific number of the chairs. The District Magistrate reported that a few chairs have been repaired. But he also reported that, if necessary, the question will be considered this year. As a matter of fact all the chairs, referred to be in a bad condition, were repaired and the question of renewal will also be considered.

LADIES—APPOINTMENT OF—HUZUR SECRETARIAT

9. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any Government order or rule or convention that no lady shall be appointed in the Huzur Secretariat staff;

(*b*) if the answer to sub-division (*a*) is in the negative, why is it that the Staff Selection Board have not appointed any lady in the Huzur Secretariat staff;

(*c*) whether any or all of the lady applicants to the Staff Selection Board has specified in their applications that they should not be appointed in the Huzur Secretariat;

(*d*) if the answer to sub-division (*c*) above is in the negative, whether the Government be pleased to

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order the Staff Selection Board that ladies also be given the chance to serve in the Huzur Secretariat?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The chances of ladies did not come, when vacancies in the Secretariat were filled up.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No special order is necessary.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* How is it that the whole of the lady community in Cochin are unfortunate in not getting any post in the Secretariat?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* That is answered in (*b*).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* That seems to be rather improbable.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* There is nothing surprising. They fall into two categories. There are, for instance, posts of midwives, lady vaccinators and lady teachers. Generally, these posts are manned by ladies; but in the posts in the general line, they are treated in the same footing with men and it so happens that in the matter of priority of service, men stand first.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Certain teachers, who have their permanency in the Education Department, have been found to be continuing in the Secretariat, and when a permanent vacancy occurs, they are confirmed in the Secretariat. Cannot some such arrangement be made in the case of ladies also?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The appointments are guided by considerations of seniority and if a lady happens to be the seniormost, she might be given if she is qualified. As a matter of fact, it is not the Secretariat alone that is not favoured by their presence. There are other departments like the Police Commissioner's Office and the Conservator's Office.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The Secretary seems to have misunderstood me. I know of a specific instance of a graduate teacher appointed as P3 on Rs. 17—there is nothing communal about it, he belongs to my community—doing work in the Secretariat for two or three years and subsequently given permanency in the Secretariat itself. Cannot some such arrangement be made?

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* What is the urgency?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In order to bring them up in the Administration of the State.

MUKUNDAPURAM MAGISTRATE'S COURT—INADEQUACY OF LIGHTING

10. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that there is great difficulty to carry out work in the Mukundapuram Magistrate's Court in rainy season for want of proper lighting arrangement;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government will make necessary arrangements for the same immediately;

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, will the Government immediately enquire into the matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Necessary lights have been supplied.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

COCHIN HARBOUR—GARDENER—APPOINTMENT OF

11. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Cochin Harbour Authorities have appointed a gardener on Rs. 50 per mensem;

(*b*) whether applications were invited for this post;

(*c*) the name of the District or State to which the appointed person belongs;

(*d*) whether he had been the gardener or relative of any of the officers or clerks or any of the relatives of such officers or clerks employed in the Harbour service;

(*e*) whether the Government be pleased to give the exact number, grades of pay given of such monthly paid appointments, made within the last 3 years without

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